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S. RES. 240

Designating November 2003 as “National American Indian Heritage Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 3, 2003

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DASCHLE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

OCTOBER 23, 2003

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

OCTOBER 24, 2003

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating November 2003 as “National American Indian Heritage Month”.

Whereas American Indians and Alaska Natives were the original inhabitants of the land that now constitutes the United States;

Whereas American Indians and Alaska Natives have traditionally exhibited a respect for the finiteness of natural resources through a reverence for the Earth;

Whereas American Indians and Alaska Natives have served with valor in all of the wars of the United States, begin-

ning with the Revolutionary War and continuing through the conflict in Iraq, and the percentage of Native Americans serving in the United States armed services has significantly exceeded the percentage of Native people in the population of the United States as a whole;

Whereas American Indians and Alaska Natives have made distinct and important contributions to the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and the arts;

Whereas American Indians and Alaska Natives should be recognized for their contributions to the United States, including as local and national leaders, artists, athletes, and scholars;

Whereas such recognition will encourage self-esteem, pride, and self-awareness in American Indians and Alaska Natives of all ages; and

Whereas November is a month during which many Americans commemorate a special time in the history of the United States, when American Indians and English settlers celebrated the bounty of their harvest and the promise of new kinships: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates November 2003 as “National
3 American Indian Heritage Month”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling on the Federal Government and State
6 and local governments, interested groups and organi-
7 zations, and the people of the United States to ob-

- 1 serve the month with appropriate programs, cere-
- 2 monies, and activities.

